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for your vote to move the bill and, Senator Beutler, we'll work with you before Select File to get your amendment in. Thank you.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Crosby. You've heard the closing. The question before the body is the advancement to E & R Initial of LB 469. Those in favor please vote aye; those opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 37 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 469.

SENATOR COORDSEN: LB 469 is advanced. Next item, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 99, by Senator Schimek. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 7 of this year, at that time referred to the Banking, Commerce, and Insurance Committee. Bill was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments, Mr. President.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Schimek, to open on your bill.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I would like to begin this morning's discussion of LB 99 by, first of all, thanking Senator Suttle for designating this as her priority bill, and the members of the body who have signed on to the bill and are supporters of the bill, including Senators Dierks, Janssen, Matzke, Preister, Suttle, Thompson, and Tyson. I would also like to thank the Banking Committee for its work on the bill and for its advancement of the bill. This was not a new experience for either myself or the Banking Committee. We've been through this on several prior occasions because this is the third time that I have introduced the bill. And the first year the bill did not advance from committee. The second year it advanced from committee, but I couldn't see that we could actually have all 25 votes that I could count here on the floor all at once, and so the bill did not move last year. This year I am quite optimistic that we will be successful because, for one, we have worked very, very diligently over the summer months to take away some of the objections of the insurance companies. And if you will notice on the committee statement, there were no insurance companies that did come in in